

**REMARKS**

Claim 40 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 1-39 are pending and under consideration. No new matter is presented in this Amendment.

**REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §101:**

Claim 40 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The applicants have cancelled claim 40 without prejudice or disclaimer. The rejection of claim 40 is thus moot.

**ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER:**

Claims 1-39 are allowed.

**CONCLUSION:**

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

Respectfully submitted,

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